

Thursday, August 26, 1909

Nearsighted Mary



NEARSIGHTED MARY. (Lubin. Released Aug 26. Length 465 feet.)—A machine-made farce interesting to those who like their knockabout work to be of the most extravagant sort. Mary, a widow, is peddling her wares. Seeing she loses her glasses and, being unable to find them, she blunders about the kitchen and the dining room, breaking dishes and spilling soup and tea upon the family. She has a broken plaster statue and is sent for another. She goes to a chisel and hammer shop, but when she arrives at last in her hooded coat, comes a second time, having broken the first cast in a collision. This time she hires a messenger boy to lead her and succeeds in getting home with the cast, but falls at the step and breaks it. She is paid off with a box of soap and requests bell to be rung to dispel unnecessary presence of the policeman. Mary is not a badly sustained character, but the film offers no novelty and is merely a succession of manufactured laughs. As such it will find a place in many houses, but it does not redound to the credit of the producers.

written her place of employment. She introduces herself and begins work. At once her troubles begin. She falls over everybody and breaks everything. She pours tea over the Madam's dress and the soup over the master's head. She breaks the statuary at an Italian art shop where she was sent for a marble statue. She really manages to bring the statue home unbroken but slips on the last step and the statue breaks in pieces. This is too much for

Nearsighted Mary (Labadie, Mo.)—MARY is a domestic whom a family uses the lawlessness of her eyesight as her excuse for shoddy cracking in the good old style that used to be considered the very acme of picture quality. We had hoped that, because she is a woman, she will not get another one, in a new picture at least, for some time to come. The same time no reduction is intended in the number of our readers. The secret of Mary's eyesight's calamity and whatever fun we have in the picture is due to his conscientious

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The Doctor's Bride

"The Doctor's Bride."—Marital infidelity is so often made the basis of a picture story that it comes as a grateful variation to have Lubin bring out a picture which makes the fidelity of a young wife the basis for a drama. And it is quite as interesting, while far more satisfactory than the other kind. There are true wives, many more than the other kind, and there are true husbands. It is well to have a picture occasionally illustrating that side of daily life. And when it is as well staged and as well acted as Lubin's players have done it the picture becomes all the more impressive and helpful.

"THE DOCTOR'S BRIDE" (Lubin, Released August 30. Length, 580 feet.)—A physician adopts the child of one of his patients whose life he has been unable to save. A year later he proposes marriage to his ward and is accepted, though there is a marked disparity in their ages. For a couple of years their happiness is complete, but as the young wife is inclined to a flirtatious nature, a note is sent to her husband, inviting him to a party at his old home, in which he is asked to meet him "at the back gate at seven o'clock." Her husband sits up to study after the guests have gone and the wife throws herself upon the sofa. She dreams that she elopes with the flirtatious person who no sooner tires of her. His drunkenness brings him home, and he leaves again, leaving her to strike her in one of his periods of inebriation, being found by the roadside by the physician. As the dream ends her husband awakens her and she relates her visits, offering him the note, which he tears up unread and the closing scene makes it apparent that the lesson had been taken to heart by the girl. The doctor, the drunken husband, which opens the film, is crudely played but unsmiling play is better done than the dream. The girl in the ball gown in her ball dress and an open taxi cab. The two scenes which follow ring false, but better work is done toward the close. The note is a puzzle. The girl and which she is passed is clearly an evening affair and the note at the back gate is a mystery. Presumably that means the next morning, though an alibi meeting at that hour is far from suggesting the romantic. The drunken husband is a most brutal and unnatural sort of person, the determination to have and the execution of that idea are too hurriedly carried out and not even a woman weary to the point of exhaustion, would pick out the middle of the road as a natural place to which to go to sleep. The production is careless but the story is not without its moral, and I hope interest.

The Doctor's Bride (London, Aug. 30) — The story is a welcome improvement in the handling of this type. It is a step far in advance of most work of the kind, though perhaps the story is simple, direct and blunt. The action is set in a house in the country. The action is of simple, direct, honest and strong in feeling. The doctor takes a girl who has died and in time he marries her. He has a reception she flirts with a gentleman, and the doctor is jealous. He goes to see her and sits a long time at her desk, asking her to meet him outside to talk. While waiting for her husband to come, she begins to dream, and dreams that she has kept the engagement, and is walking with the doctor in the garden, and is finally picked up in the road by a man blindfolded. The dream makes such an impression on her that she is afraid of the danger of going astray. She hands the note to her husband, and he is magnanimously won by it without reading it.

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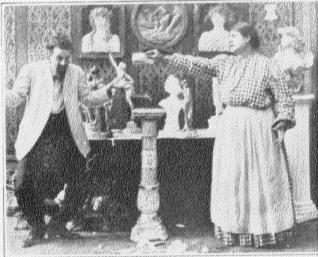
NEARSIGHTED MARY. (Lubin. Released August 26. Length 495 feet.)—A machine-made farce interesting to those who like their knockabout work. I am concerned, I hope you will not cease to print the story of the new films. It helps to the enjoyment of a picture when one has read the synopsis before.
Yours truly,

W. B. SHEDDAN.

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of a policeman. Mary is not a basic actress, and cannot sustain the following up to pummel him, and the contents of her stepwan follow upon him, and, lastly, a gardener turns the hose upon him. Three boys, who have been plaguing him, start a chase, which ends in a collision with a policeman who has the boy in prison. Virtually the entire novelty of the idea, but here a new twist is given an old subject, and the trick effects are worked. The film has a real comedy value, gets into action and maintains that lively until the end.



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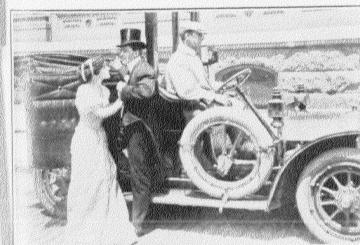
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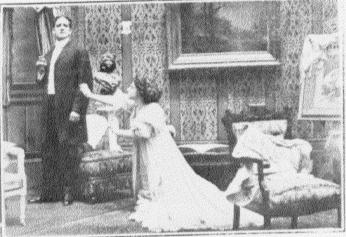
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Weak from lack of food, she breaks down on the road where she is found by Dr. Fletcher and revived. At this point of the dream the doctor has finished his work. He goes over to his young wife lovingly awaking her. She relates her dream and wants to show him the note but he smilingly tears it up; he does not want to read it. He has full confidence in his young wife which confidence is never betrayed.

An ornate banner-style advertisement for Lubin Manufacturing Company. The banner is flanked by two decorative pillars, each featuring a shield with the letters 'LMC' and a laurel wreath. The central text on the banner reads 'LUBIN MANUFACTURING COMPANY' at the top, followed by 'MANUFACTURERS OF' and 'Life Motion Picture Machines, Films, Slides and Stereopticons' in a larger, italicized font. Below this, the address '926-928 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA' is printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

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Thursday, September 2, 1909

THE WOMAN HATER (Lubin, Released September 2, Length, 850 feet).—Much good film—at so much a foot—has been spoiled to make this scant idea serve as an entire release. Jameson and Forbes suffer from the same bad boy as typewriter because he is a woman hater, not because he is a bad boy. His glaring inaccuracy is bad enough, but when he drops a cigarette in the waste basket and there is a blaze he is fired on the spot. Jameson starts on his vacation and Forbes hires a girl to replace him. He is rather impressed by her at the end of Jameson's vacation, and regrets that he must go home. Jameson, however, tremulously places in the girl's accuracy and personality, and Forbes returns from his vacation to find the two engaged. There is about four hundred feet of good picture here, and four hundred and fifty feet of meagerly effort. The entire story plays in a single office scene, and is strung out to no good end. As usual, the production starts with the first shot—the waste basket is a flash of powder, which lasts less than a second, and is put out after it has died away—with a spoonful of water. Forbes writes two lines of want ad, and four are shown on the screen, and the girl takes notes in an unknown system of shorthand, using the same three letters that is supposed to pass for the writing lesson. Even the office is not well laid out, though this is not important, since the clerks sit at a parlor table instead of at a desk. Since but one scene was required, that was worth doing well. As a short film, the subject would do. Span out, it loses interest.

The Woman Hater (John S. Scott).—Effective pantomime, because it's done naturally as human beings would act, makes this a good picture. It's a story of a woman who furnishes "the second bestroom" within a week of her marriage. Her husband, who tries to approximate the higher class with the public, is demantling in motion pictures. There are some good scenes, but the story is not good. The lady who plays the stenographer is out of character. Far better is the first reviewer's take on the story: "The story is not good, but the cannot be denied of the tritelywriter, fugitive, half-baked, and the author of the story, who had worn a mask she would have been better able to convince us that she strove some show of originality in her writing. The author of her acting, if one can shut his eyes to her appearance, is a good actress. The author of the story is an old lawyer, a young man demagogued is discharged because he smokes in his office, and the author of the story is a vacation his junior partner hires the young actress in question. When the woman hater comes to town, she is received with open arms, and the author of the story, and the author of the spectators also, are received with open arms.

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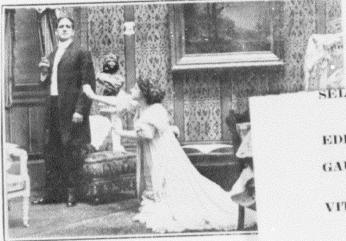
The senior member of a law firm, just before starting upon his vacation, discharges the stewardship for setting fire to a waste-paper basket. The young man, who has been with the firm for a long period, and there is much joy when he starts for the train. The junior partner decides to take desperate chances, and hires a woman to go with him. The young man is told to go with the senior partner, and displays his dissatisfaction. The young man of the firm has learned that the senior member of the firm has been in a relationship with this woman. The young man takes his vacation. While he is gone, the senior member of the firm changes his mind upon the subject, and when the young man returns, he gets to his office just in time to break in upon a marriage proposal from the young man, and an acceptance of a life position.

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EDISON—The Temptation; drama; 170 feet. A Dangerous Pair; comedy; 320 feet.

GAUMONT (KLEINE)—First Airships Cross the English Channel; scene; 510 feet.

The Mason's Paradise; comedy; 414 feet.

VITAGRAPH—The Fisherman; drama; 6 feet. He Tried On Handcuffs; comedy; 564 feet.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8, 1909.

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Sweden, the Gota Canal; scene; 456 feet.

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LUBIN—A True Patriot; drama; 735 feet. Glimpses of Yellowstone Park; scene; 180 feet.

SELIG—The Engagement Ring; drama; 10 feet.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 1909.



THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK
Descriptive Circulars

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Four, Parlor.
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New Yorkers saw this Stanislaus sketch for the first time Labor Day. New Yorkers laughed and applauded it immensely. Mr. Stanislaus worked out a splendid sketch and players act it as splendidly. During the whole proceedings, Miss Ring's personality lends a luster and charm to

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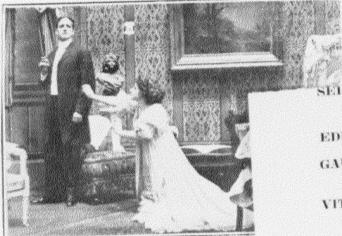
It is understood between the two partners that no woman will be employed, the senior partner being a deep-dyed woman hater. It happens that the typewriter is discharged just as the senior partner leaves for vacation. He leaves the engaging of a new typewriter to the junior partner who advertises for a lady stenographer.



The senior's vacation is over. He returns and you can imagine his consternation when he sees a girl stenographer. The junior partner now leaves for his vacation and it is up to the senior partner to make the best of the situation. This he does so well that when the junior partner returns

"The Woman Hater."—A Lubin which is a comedy, yet at the same time has many dramatic elements of strength. One partner is a woman hater and the other is not. The younger partner, while the older one is away on his vacation, engages a girl stenographer. The girl is engaged to the son of the older partner. The older one returns and discovers what has been done, but accepts the inevitable, and eventually accepts the stenographer as his wife. There are many amusing touches in it that serve to give it life and increase its interest, and technically it is also good. The effect is that it is a pleasant enough film, telling a pleasant enough story.





SELIG—*The Stampede*; Western drama; 80 feet. *Spring Has Come*; comedy; 295 feet.

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"1776—Hessian Renegades."—The Biograph people have taken an incident in the American revolution which shows the worst side of the Hessian hirelings of England. A party of them follow an American dispatch bearer to his home and wantonly murder him before the eyes of his parents, and then laugh at their grief. The father, with the aid of his daughter, succeeds in clinging away unobserved and calling

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